and keeping in view the need for vertical and horizontal equity, made their final recommendations. The Government of India accepted the recommendations of the Eleventh Finance Commission relating to devolution of Central Taxes and Duties and quantum of grants-in-aid to States.

Mobile phone users under tax net

46. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CBDT had addressed all its Zonal Office to prepare lists of those who pay Rs. 50,000 or more as rentals for using mobile phone services for making them pay income tax;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the lists of such users of mobile phone services have been prepared; and

(d) if so, the action being taken against them for recovery of income tax?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHRIPADYESSO NAIK) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The CBDT has required the concerned Commissioners of Income Tax to collect information relating to persons having incurred expenditure above Rs. 25,000/- in FY 2002-03 on charges for use of mobile phones.

(c) Lists of such persons are being collected by the Department from mobile phone service providers.

(d) It is proposed to verify whether such persons are assessed to tax and whether the expenditure so incurred has been accounted for.

Exemptions of income tax to senior citizens

47. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representations from any organizations working for the welfare of the senior citizens with regard to grant of exemption to the senior citizens from filing Income-tax Returns whose income does exceed Rs. 50,000/- per annum; and